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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS *WHEREVER THERE'S A FIGHT* EXHIBIT ON THE HISTORY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN CALIFORNIA

Ongoing Library Civic Programs to Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is pleased to announce that the Library will host the California state traveling exhibition “**Wherever There’s a Fight: A History of Civil Liberties in California**” from Friday, August 3 through Sunday, September 9, 2012 in the lobby of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities, the Exhibit is presented in conjunction with the multi-month library project, **Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution**. (See more information at <http://www.calhum.org/programs/searching-for-democracy>.)

Wherever There’s a Fight tells the hidden stories of unsung heroes and heroines throughout California who stood up for their rights in the face of social hostility, physical violence, economic hardship, and political stonewalling. Based on the 2009 book “*Wherever There’s a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers, and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California*” by Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi, the exhibition spans the period from the Gold Rush to the post-9/11 era, telling the stories of unsung heroes and heroines throughout California who stood up for their rights—and all of ours as well.

Searching for Democracy brings together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library’s vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

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Press Release – *Wherever There's a Fight* Traveling Exhibit

Learn about the Constitution series and other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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